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SUBJECT: IRANIAN RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA.

SUMMARY: ROKG REQUESTS THAT WE INTERVENE TO PERSUADE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT TO RECONSIDER DECISION TO RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA.
END SUMMARY.

1. ACTING FONMIN HEUN SUK YUN CALLED IN CHARGE TO REPORT THAT IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HAD NOTIFIED ROKG OF SHAH'S DECISION TO RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA. ANNOUNCEMENT IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 20. YUN SAID THAT NORTH KOREANS HAD APPROACHED IRANIAN AMBASSADOR IN PEKING WITH PROPOSAL FOR RECOGNITION AND OPENING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. NORTH KOREAN FINANCE MINISTER IS PRESENTLY IN TEHERAN AND ACCORDING TO KOREAN REPORTS IRANIAN FONMIN HAS SUPPORTED THE IDEA. YUN SAID THAT FONMIN IS AT A LOSS TO EXPLAIN WHY IRANIANS HAVE CHOSEN THIS TIME TO MOVE TOWARDS RECOGNITION SPECULATING IT MAY BE RELATED IN SOME WAY WITH DESIRE TO PLEASE PRC.

2. FORMER PRIME MINISTER AND PRESENT SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, CHUNG IL KWON, IS PRESENTLY IN TEHERAN AND HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEE THE SHAH AND PRIME MINISTER AND URGE RECONSIDERATION OF THIS DECISION. YUN ASKED FOR A STRONG AMERICAN APPROACH IN SUPPORT OF THIS DEMARCHE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN AN EFFORT TO HEAD OFF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. CHARGE SAID ROKG REQUEST
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